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\$600,000 donation from Tricia and Gil Besing supports research, clinical care at UT Southwestern

DALLAS – May 8, 2008 – Dallas natives Gil and Tricia Besing have given \$600,000 to support clinical care and research programs at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

The gift, made to Southwestern Medical Foundation, supports the medical center's *Innovations in Medicine* campaign.

"We've always been big supporters of the work being conducted at UT Southwestern," Mr. Besing said. "We're just delighted to be able to make a donation to such a fine teaching and medical institution."

A UT Austin graduate, Mr. Besing is owner and original founder of Cardinal Capital Partners, a Dallas-based real estate investment and development firm.

Mr. Besing is active in numerous charitable organizations and currently serves on the President's Advisory Council for the Dallas Center for the Performing Arts Foundation.

Mrs. Besing, a UT Austin alumna, is an avid supporter of several charitable and civic organizations including the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas, Crystal Charity Ball, Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, Dallas Children's Theater, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children and the Dallas Museum of Art.

"UT Southwestern's success in building world-class clinical and research programs would not be possible without the generosity of friends and supporters such as Mr. and Mrs. Besing," said Dr. Kern Wildenthal, president of the medical center. "Their desire to give back to the community and provide help to others is an inspiration to all of us at the medical center."

Paul M. Bass, chairman of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, said: "Gil and Tricia's gift will foster groundbreaking research and clinical service developments campus-wide. We can't thank them enough for their support in ensuring that UT Southwestern will grow and remain a world-renowned medical center."

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